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# Who/What is DARPA?



The Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) – which came to be known as DARPA in 1972 when its name changed to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency – emerged in 1958 as part of a broad reaction to a singular event – the launching by the Soviet Union of the Sputnik satellite on Oct. 4, 1957.



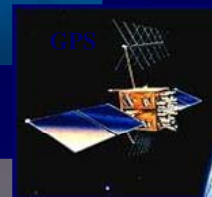
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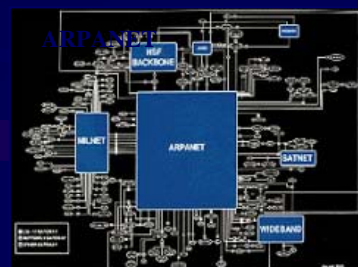
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# DARPA at a glance



## ■ DARPA's Mission

- Prevent technological surprise for the United States and to create technological surprise for our adversaries.

## ■ DARPA's Charter

- Radical innovation
- Solving hard technical problems
- Revolutionary capabilities for national security

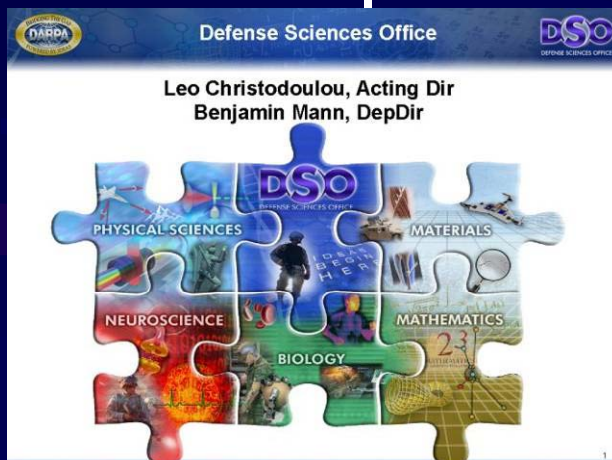
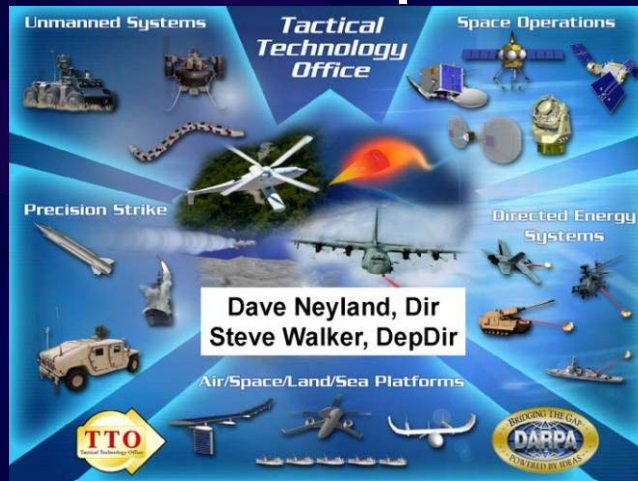




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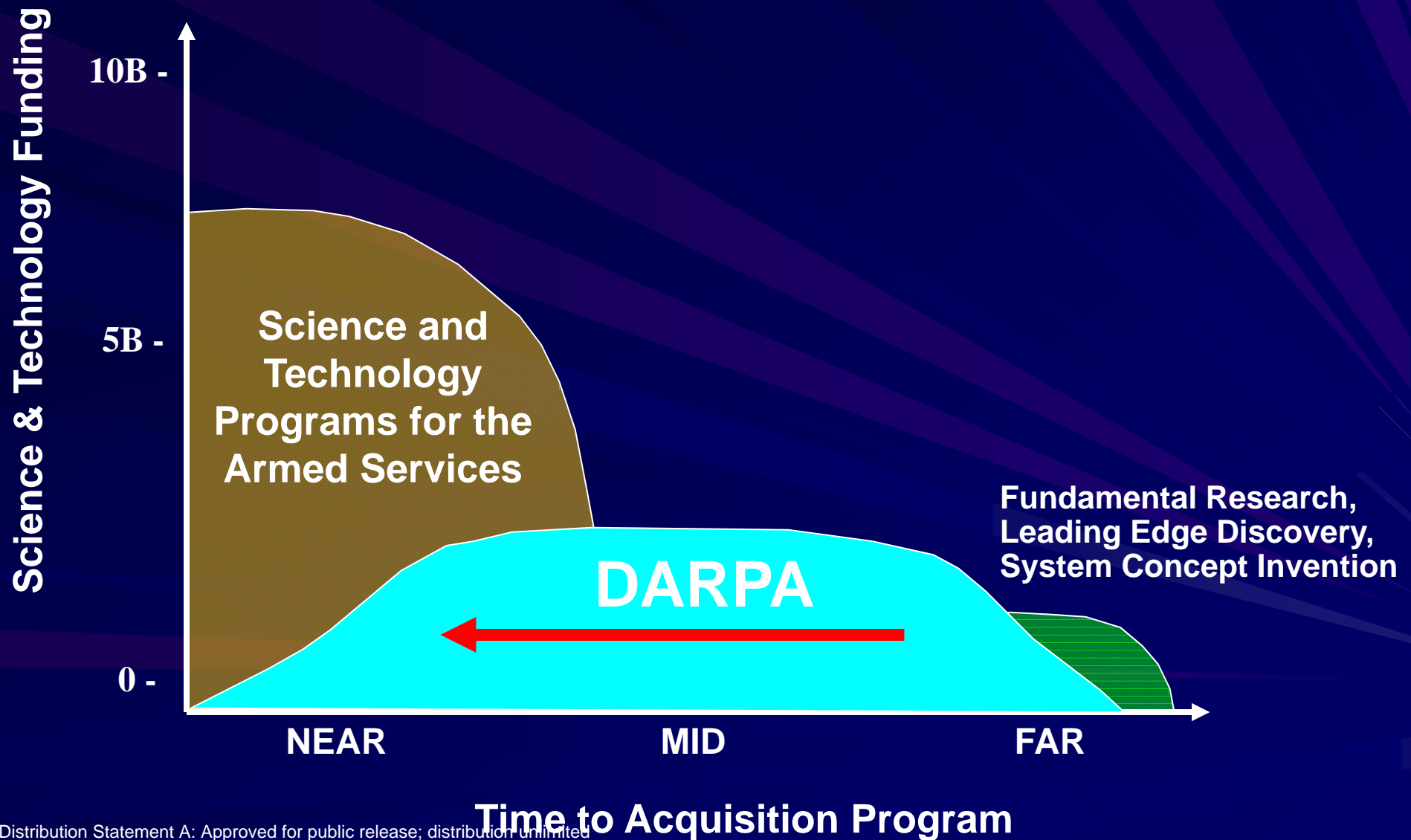


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# DARPA Role in Science and Technology





# DARPA's Strategic Thrusts



## *Investments Today for Future Capabilities*

- Robust, Secure, Self-Forming Networks
- Detection, Precision ID, Tracking, & Destruction of Elusive Targets
- Urban Area Operations
- Advanced Manned & Unmanned Systems
- Detection, Characterization, & Assessment of Underground Structures
- Space
- Increasing the Tooth to Tail Ratio
- Bio-Revolution
- Core Technologies (Materials/Electronics/Information Technology)



# References for DARPA Projects

*Secretary of Defense*

*Quadrennial Defense Review*

*Strategic Planning Guidance 2008 – 2013*

*Combatant Commanders Integrated Priority  
Lists*

*USSOCOM CONPLAN 7500-02 – Global*

*War on Terrorism*

*Joint Program Decision Memorandums*

*Meetings and Briefs throughout DoD*



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# Rapid Reaction Support



**Bar Armor - Counter RPG**



**Boomerang**



**WASP**



**Tactical Iraqi Language Training**



**Command Post of the Future**



**Hand-Held Translator**



**Broadcast Translation**



**Cooling Glove**



**Sniper Rifle**



**Water Disinfection Pen**



**TIGR**

# Current DARPA Programs

*That support EUCOM/AFRICOM needs*

- Operating in GPS-denied environment
  - Chip-Scale Atomic Clock (CSAC)
  - Robust Surface Navigation/Sub Surface Navigation (RSN/SSN)
  - Micro Inertial Navigation Technology (MINT)
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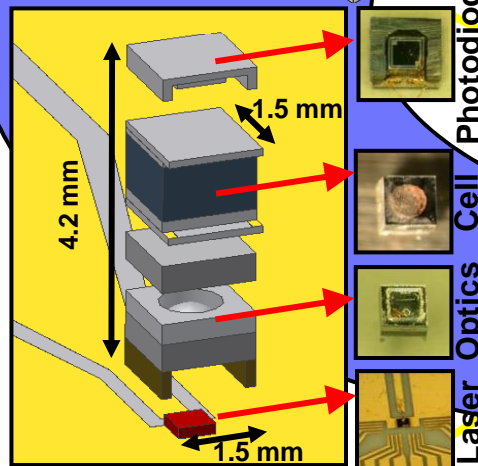
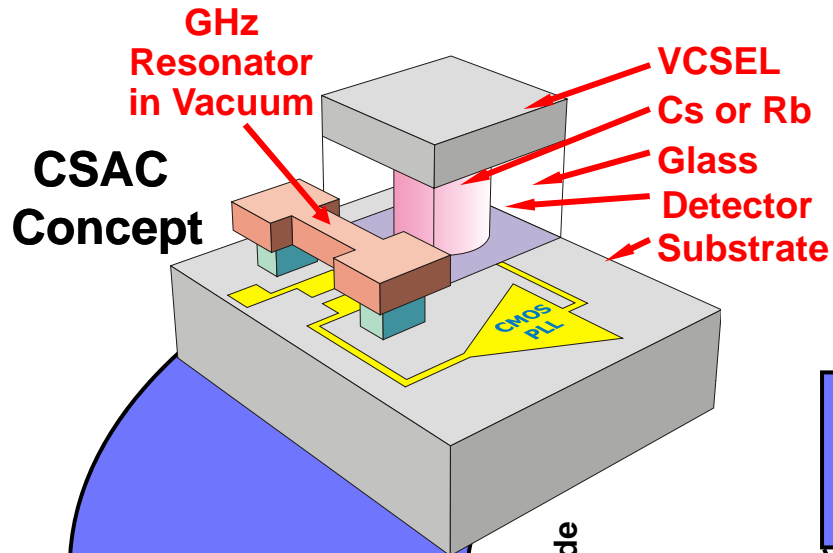
# Integrated Microsystem: Chip Scale Atomic Clock



Example of Use: Radio System  
(SINCGARS)

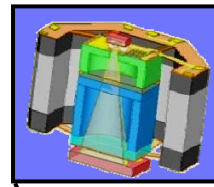


Clock accuracy of 1s/10,000 yrs  $\Rightarrow$   
16-hour re-synch interval or radio silence

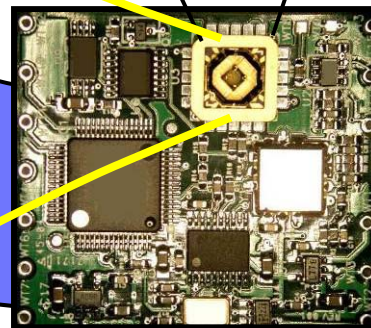


Physics Package

Photodiode  
Cell  
Optics  
Laser

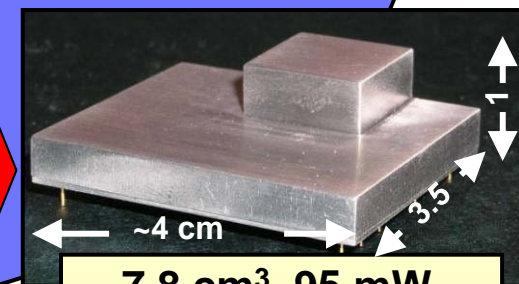


3.94 cm



CSAC Breadboard

Goal: Vol: 1 cm<sup>3</sup>  
Power: 30 mW  
Stab: 1s in 10k yrs



Phase II CSAC Prototype

**Precision Time for Every Radio and Network Node**



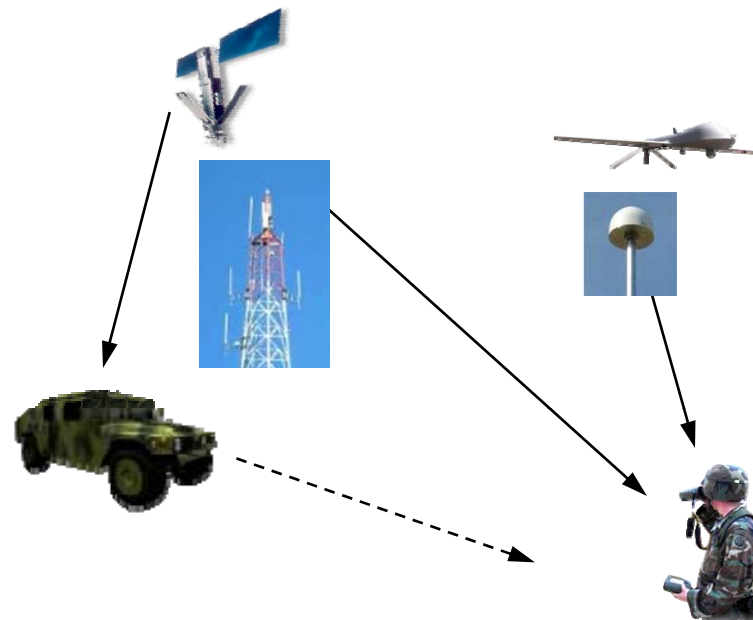
# Robust Surface Navigation (RSN)

## Why RSN?

- GPS does not work well indoors or in urban canyons
- GPS can be jammed
- Multiple path propagation corrupts positioning accuracy

## Goals

- GPS-equivalent capability in GPS-denied environments
- Navigation using signals-of-opportunity
  - Space and terrestrial communications, broadcast, and navigational signaling systems
- Development of beacons for improved versatility when SoOP are limited or non-existent
- Seamless adaptation of receiver to any available signals (GPS, Beacons, or SoOP)



## Technical Challenges

- Mitigation and/or exploitation of multipath
- Ability to operate when line-of-sight (LOS) propagation is not available
- Characterization of and synchronization with available SoOP/beacons

***RSN Provides Robust Geolocation and Navigation in GPS-Denied Environments***

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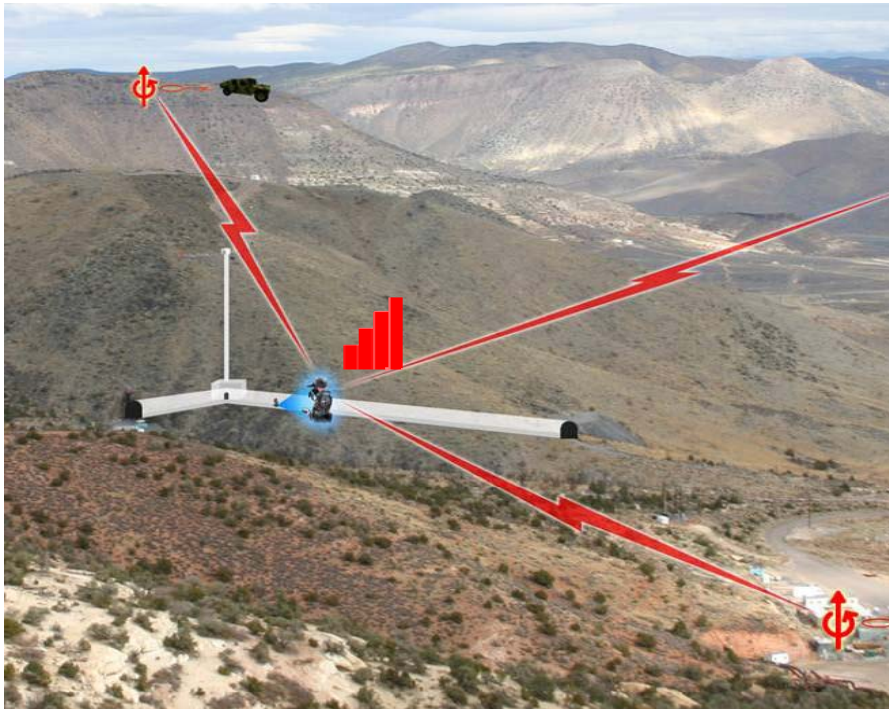


# Sub-Surface Navigation (SsN)



## Program Objectives

- Provide the U.S. war fighter with the ability to geo-locate and navigate in environments below the surface of the Earth, where GPS is not available.



## Goals

- Provide navigation capability in underground environment, where GPS is not available
- Evaluate the use of signals-of-opportunity (SoOP) for navigation
- Develop beacons for improved versatility when SoOP are limited or non-existent

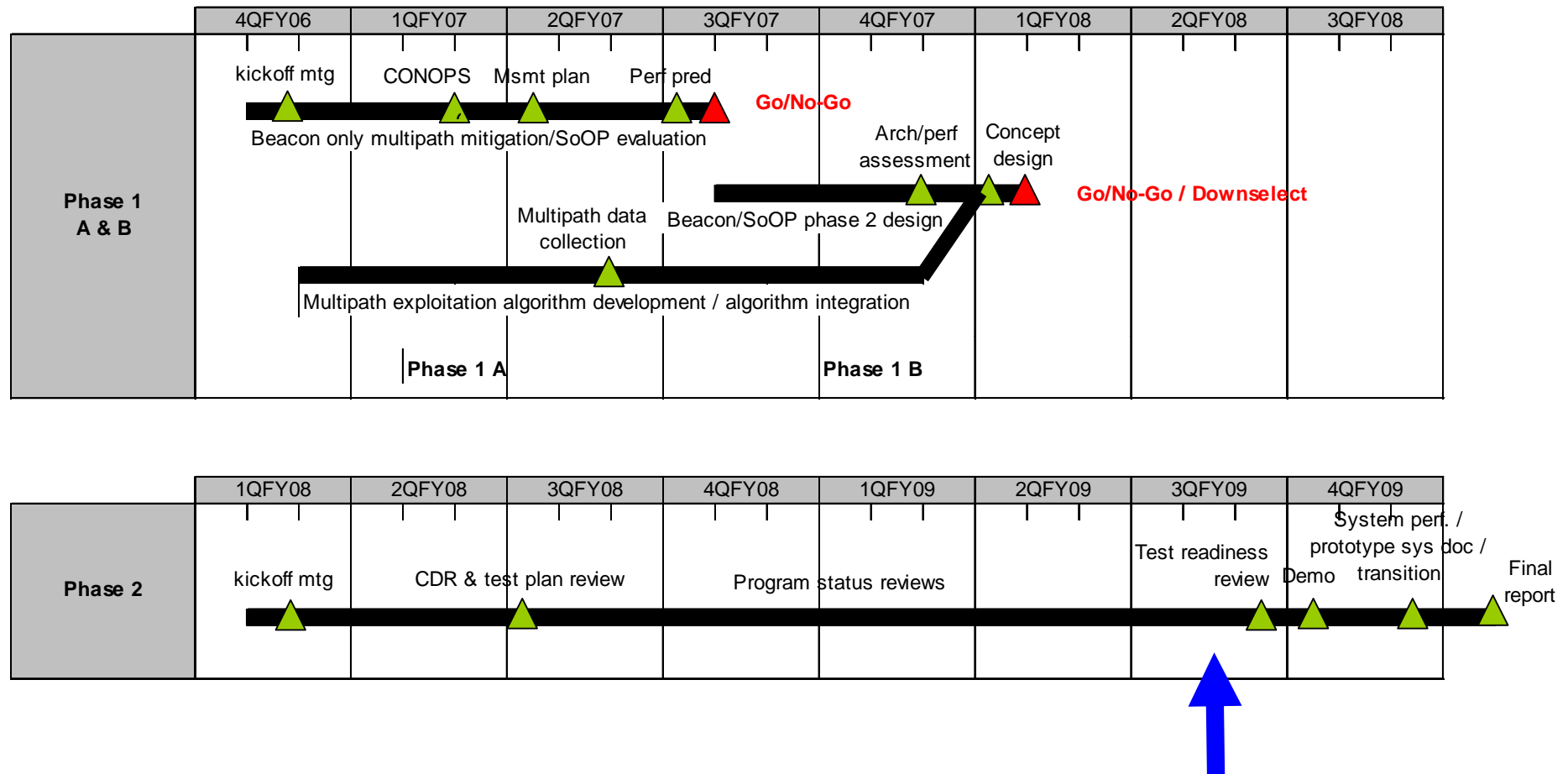
## Technical Challenges

- Signal penetration into underground environment limits operational range
- Signal distortion through non-homogeneous ground limits accuracy and robustness
- Seamless operation above- and below-ground requires additional complexity
- Development of readily deployable receivers and through-the-earth transmitters that do not burden the warfighter

***Seamless Underground Navigation and Geo-Location for the War Fighter***



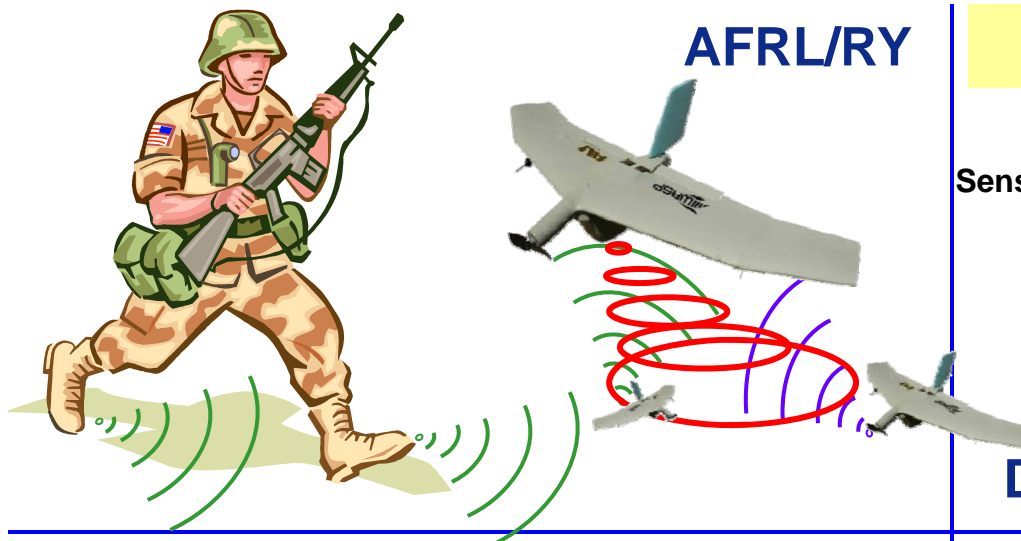
# RSN Schedule



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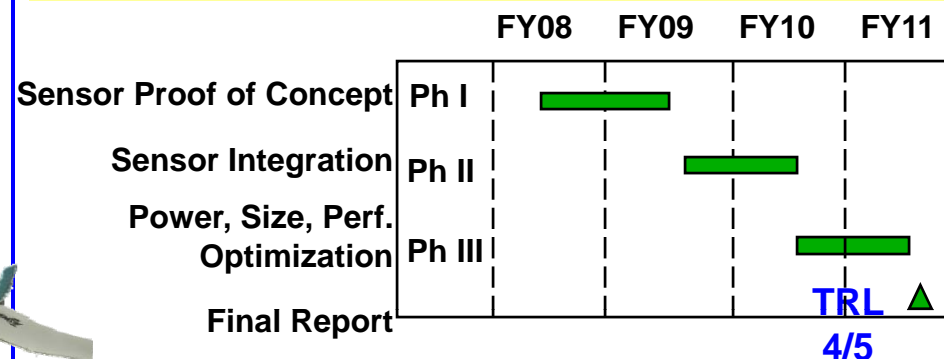


# Micro Inertial Navigation Technology (MINT)



AFRL/RY

## Carnegie Mellon University



DARPA/MTO funded

As of 2 Apr 09

## OBJECTIVES/PAYOFF

- Enable long term (hours to days) GPS denied precise navigation for dismounted soldiers & rel. nav. for swarms of UAVs:
  - Sensor placement in small compartments, such as the shoe sole or small UAVs
  - Low power - compatible with energy harvesting & reduced weight of batteries
  - Wide temperature range & shock environment
  - Goals of navigation accuracy during walking of **1 m position error after 10 hours** and **size of 1 cc and power of 5 mW**, not including the IMU

## APPROACH

- Develop & Demonstrate Micro- and Nano-scale navigation sensors that use secondary inertial variables, e.g. relative velocity measurements (Radio Frequency, etc)
- Integrate and Demonstrate System: Nav sensors with MEMS Inertial Measurement Unit/Magnetometer using Zero Velocity Updates and Kalman Filter

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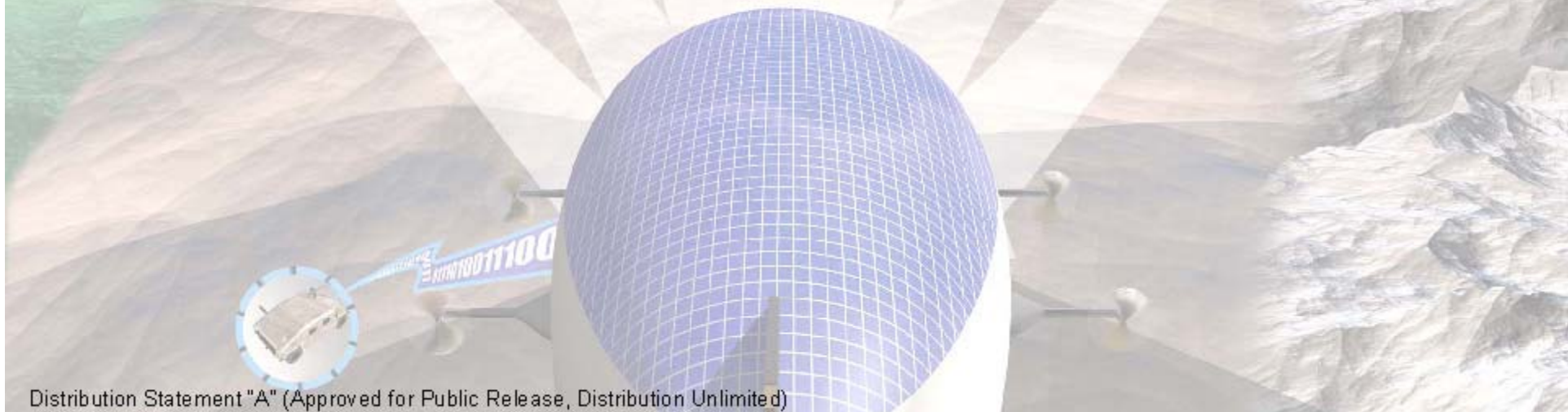
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  - Vulture
  - Rapid Eye



# Integrated Sensor Is the Structure (ISIS)



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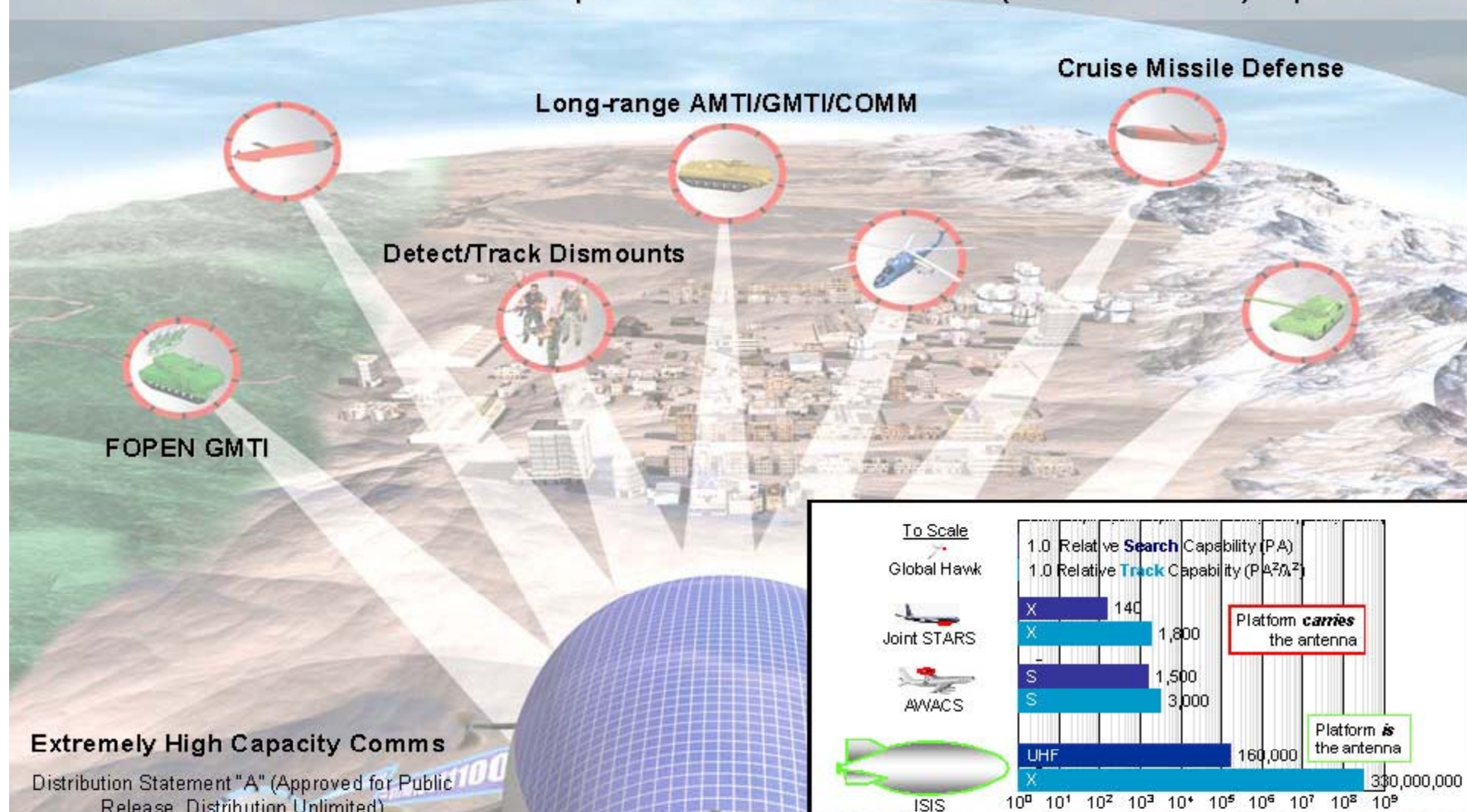




# Integrated Sensor Is the Structure (ISIS)



## Simultaneous AMTI/GMTI Operation via Dual Band (UHF/X-Band) Aperture



Global Relocation <10 days – 600km Sensor Radius – No In-Theater Ground Support  
 10+ year Operational Lifetime – 99% Availability for 1 year



# Integrated Airship-Radar



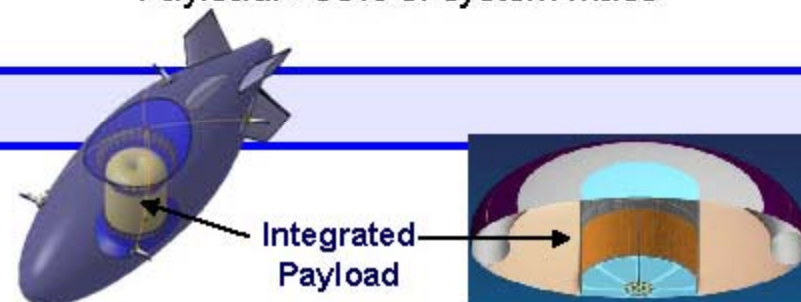
## Conventional

Payload: 2-3% of system mass

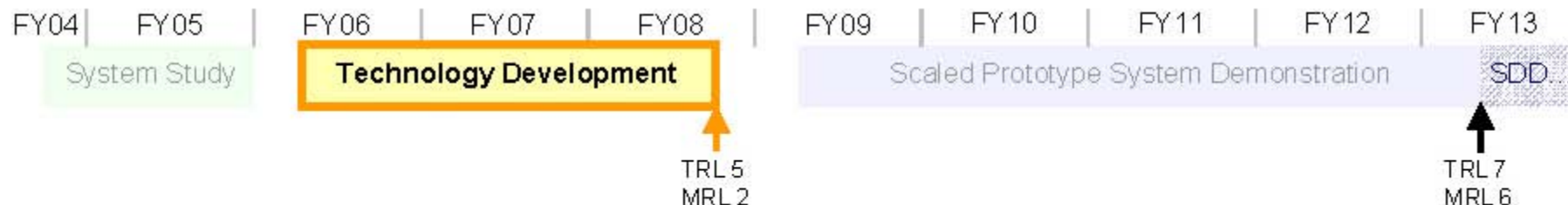


## ISIS New Paradigm

Payload: >30% of system mass



Enabling Technologies	DARPA ISIS Accomplishments
Hull Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved lifetime by 10x while reducing fabric mass 4x over state-of-the-art</li> </ul>
Active-Array Antenna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance from size, not power</li> <li>Removed heavy high power electronics, cooling</li> <li>Removed structure: Flexible panels bonded onto pressure vessel</li> <li>Low-power Transmit/Receive modules based on low-cost "cell phone" technology</li> </ul>
Power System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar-regenerative power with fuel cells instead of batteries</li> <li>Airspeed: 60 knot sustained, 100 knot sprint</li> </ul>







# ISIS Critical Technologies



## Addressing critical hardware technology needs

- Low areal-density advanced **hull material**
  - Areal density  $\leq 100 \text{ g/m}^2$
  - Matrix glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ )  $\leq -90^\circ\text{C}$
  - Fiber strength-to-weight  $\geq 1000 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m/kg}$
  - Fiber retains  $>85\%$  strength at 5 years

Achieved

90.6 g/m<sup>2</sup>  
-101°C  
1274 kN-m/kg  
>85% at 22 years

- Lightweight, low-power density **AESA**
  - Areal density  $\leq 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$
  - Power consumption  $\leq 5.0 \text{ W/m}^2$  on receive
  - Bonded to hull material

1.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
4.7 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
Passed

- Extremely low-power **Transmit-Receive modules**
  - FOM  $\geq 1 \times 10^4 \text{ W}^{-2}$
  - Demonstrated TRL5 (MTTF  $> 10^6$  Hours)

1.1 x 10<sup>4</sup> W<sup>-2</sup>  
MTTF  $> 1.98 \times 10^6$  Hours

- Novel **power systems** for stratospheric airships
  - Demonstrate 400 W-hr/kg regenerative system

779 W-hr/kg

Mass

Power



# Single Integrated Picture



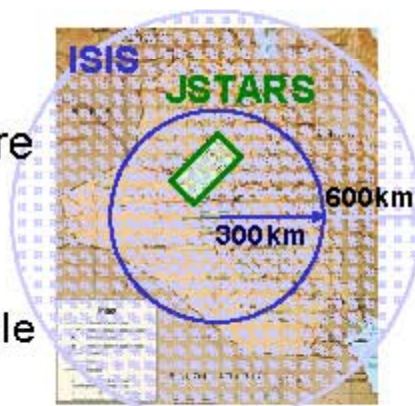
## Complete Air Picture

- AWACS (70's) and E-2 (60's) – designed for hard targets of their day
- ISIS is designed for the theoretical limit at the radar horizon
  - Single-platform search, track, and fire-control



## Unobscured Surface Target

- Joint STARS (70's) designed for tanks in the Fulda Gap
- ISIS is designed for dismounts across the entire Line-of-Sight
  - LSRS-like resolution
  - 300km @ 3° grazing angle
  - 600km line-of-sight



## Wide-Area Foliage Penetration GMTI

- Joint STARS precision across an extremely large operational area



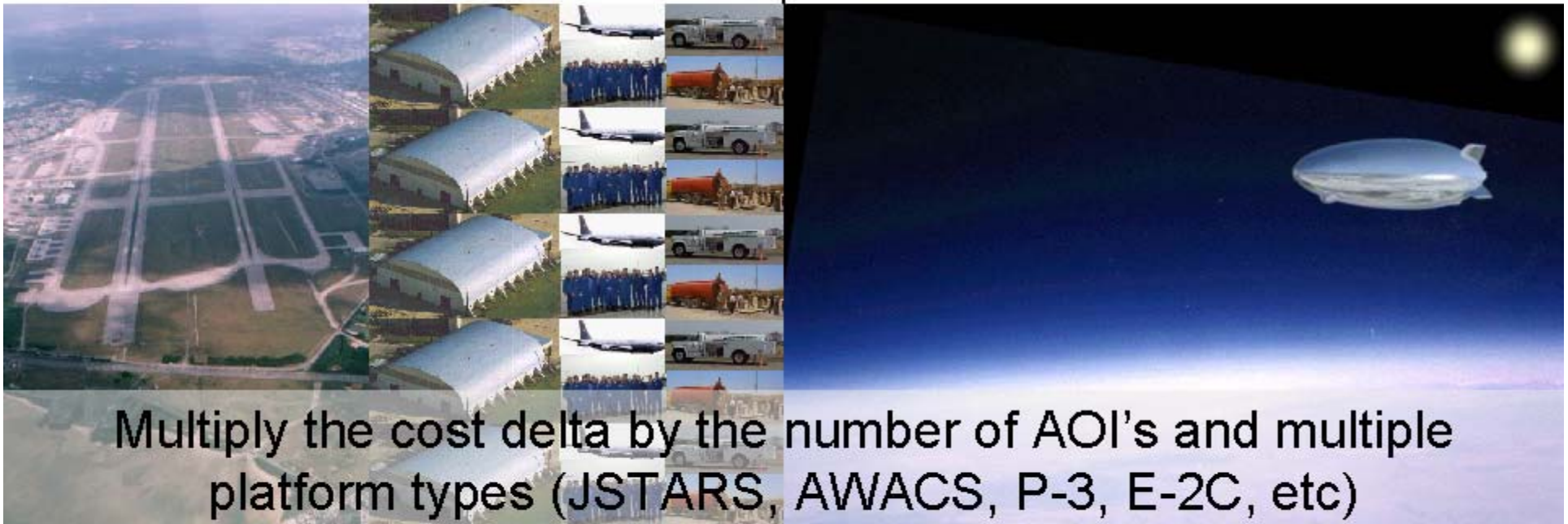




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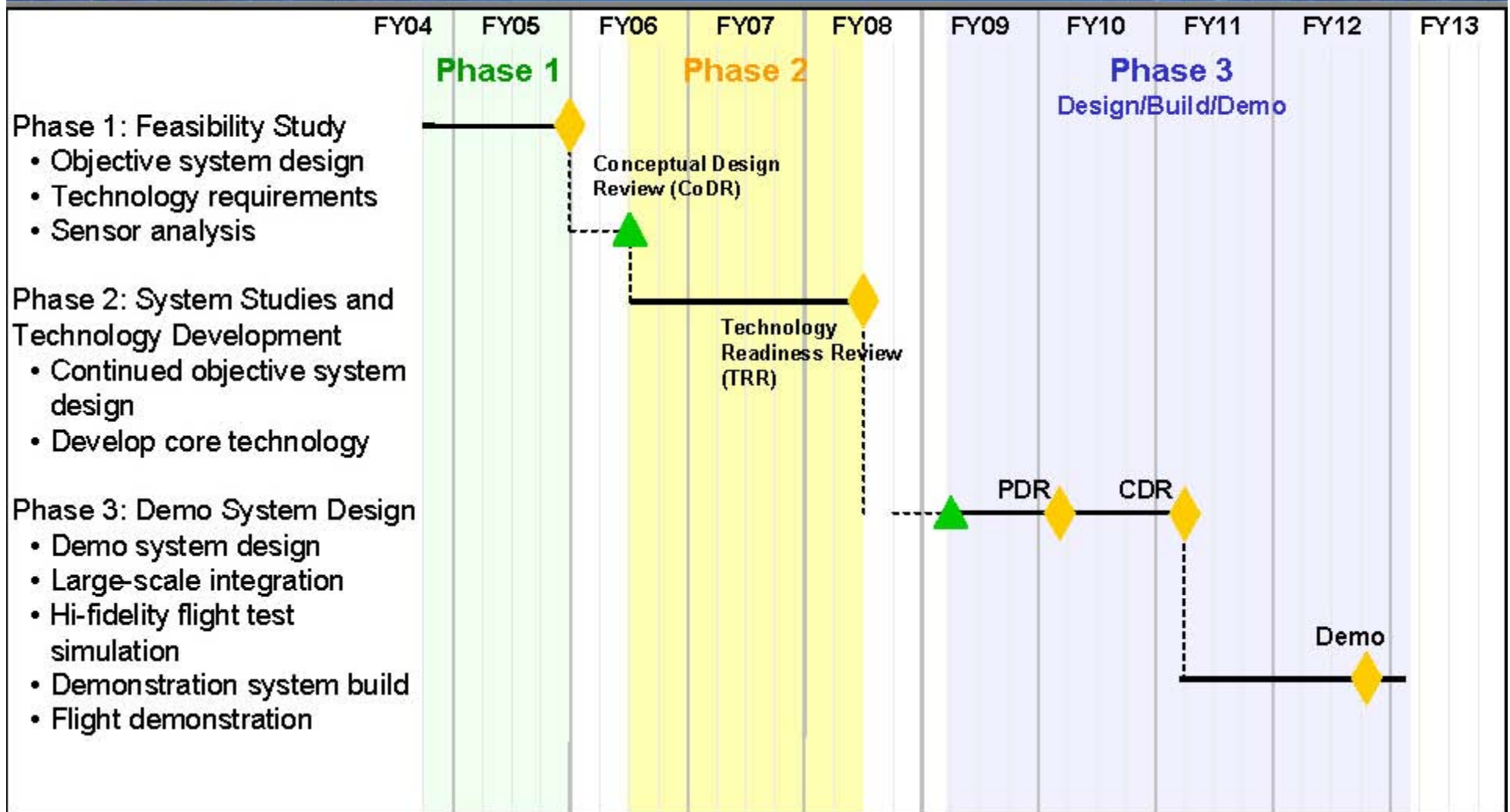


- Forward-deployed aircraft-based ISR
  - Local air base
  - Multiple aircraft for single orbit
  - Air crews
  - Ground crews
  - Fuel supplies
  - Maintenance facilities
- CONUS-deployed ISIS
  - Unmanned
  - Launched from U.S. locations
  - Global deployment in 10 days
  - Regenerative fuel sources
  - Ten-year service life
  - Permanent CONUS ground station





# Schedule







# VULTURE



## Program Goals and Objectives

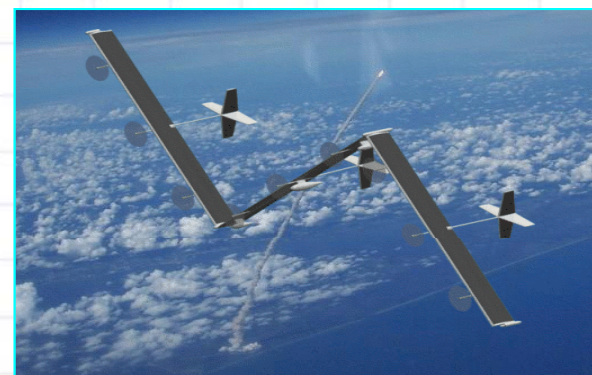
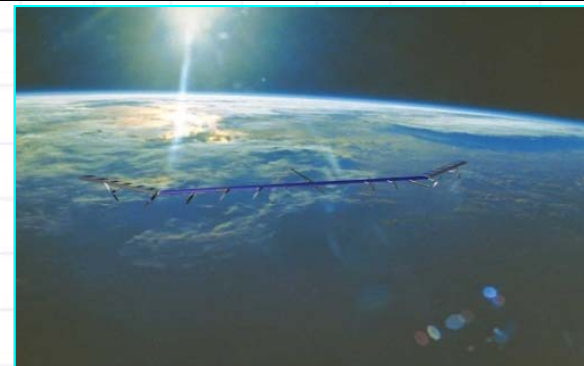
- Develop a high altitude, long endurance UAV that can maintain a 1000 lb, 5kW payload on-station continuously for 5 years

## Technical Approach

- Satellite design paradigm with ultra reliability requirements
- Collecting, storing and dispersing solar electric energy
- High Lift/Drag (~40) – low mass fraction structures
- Efficient electric propulsion

## Military Utility

- 24 / 7 / 366 persistence
- Very high resolution capability without large aperture sensors needed from space
- Reduced power required in pseudo-satellite role
- Flexible re-tasking/responsiveness
- No depot or foreign basing
- 'Zero Maintenance foot print'
- Pre-deploy eliminates weather launch issues/reduces response time
- Decreased Cost and fleet size



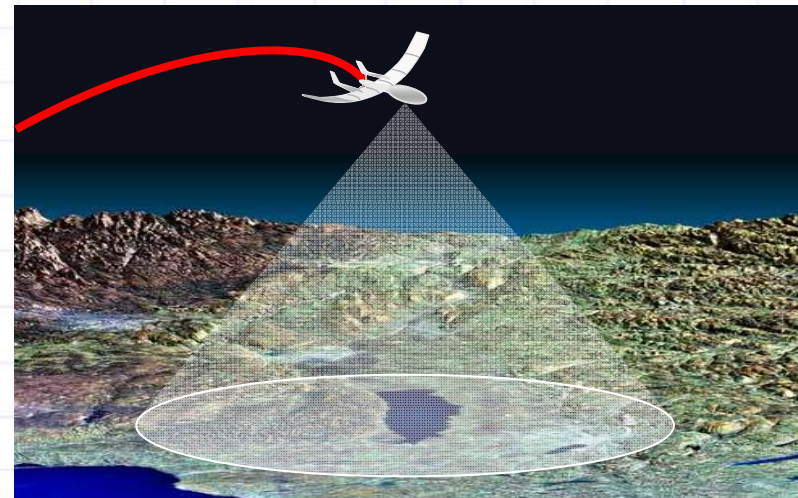


# Rapid Eye



## Program Objective and Goals

- Develop and demonstrate the ability to deliver a persistent intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capability anywhere on the globe within 1-2 hours
- Program goals:
  - Worldwide-delivery of ISR capability from alert pad < 2 orbits (~ 2 hours using existing solid rocket)
  - Use only two START-compliant launch sites
  - Aircraft time-on-station > 7 hours
  - Aircraft payload > 500 lbs, 5 kW



## Technical Approach

- Conduct military utility and system-level design trade studies, and derive a technology maturation plan to culminate in a system flight test demonstration

## Technical Challenges

- Volume of stowed aircraft, deployable wings
- Deceleration at high altitude using inflatable aero-shield
- Propulsion suitable for >15 hrs at high altitude

## Military Utility

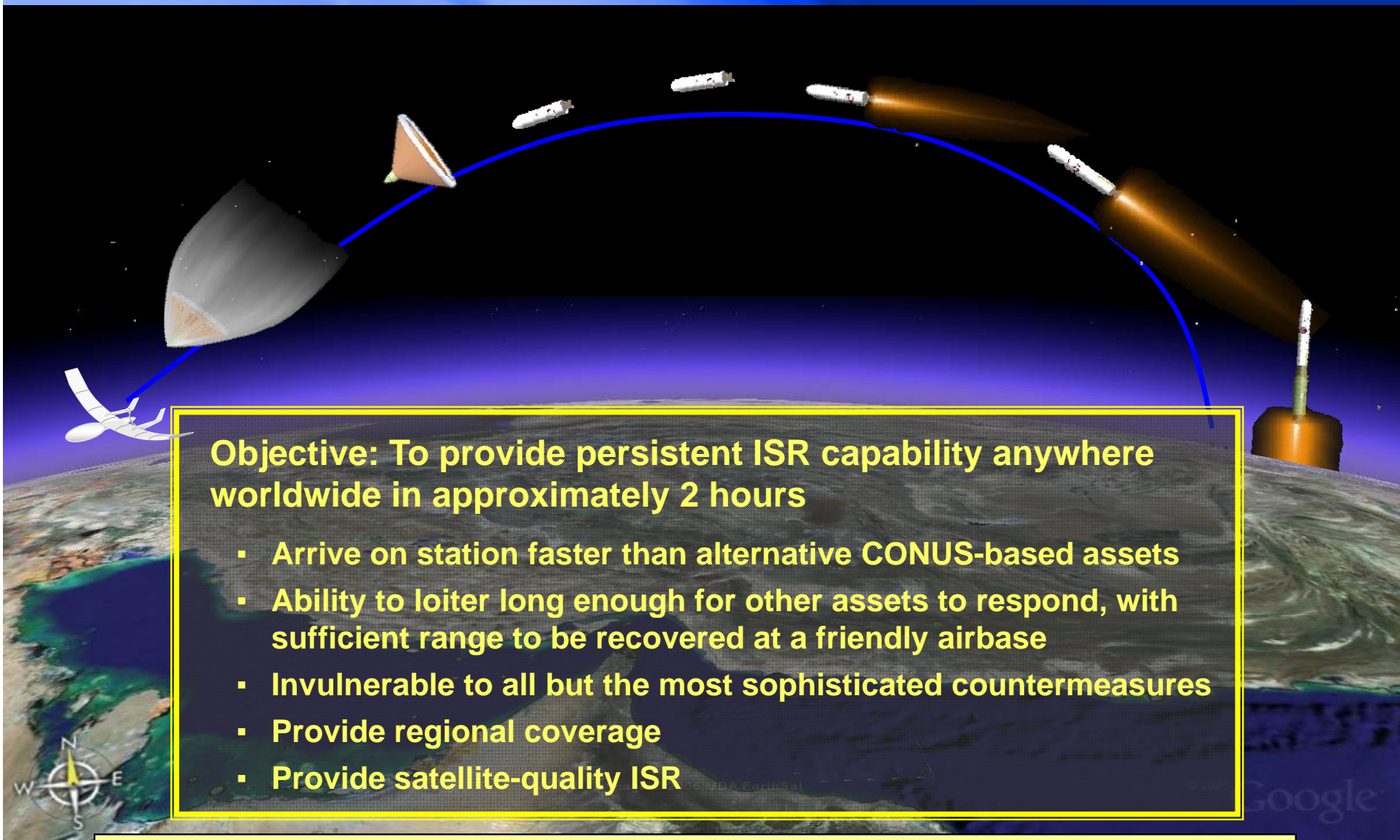
- Provide an extremely rapid deployable ISR/C2 platform to surge capability until lower cost assets can be positioned
- Provide capability to enter denied airspace while avoiding border air defense





# Rapid Eye

## Bridging the ISR Deployment Gap



**Objective: To provide persistent ISR capability anywhere worldwide in approximately 2 hours**

- Arrive on station faster than alternative CONUS-based assets
- Ability to loiter long enough for other assets to respond, with sufficient range to be recovered at a friendly airbase
- Invulnerable to all but the most sophisticated countermeasures
- Provide regional coverage
- Provide satellite-quality ISR

***Only one vehicle required to be anywhere in the world in ~ 2 hours***

# Current DARPA Programs

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# ULTRA-Vis

## ... A revolution in Small Unit C<sup>2</sup>

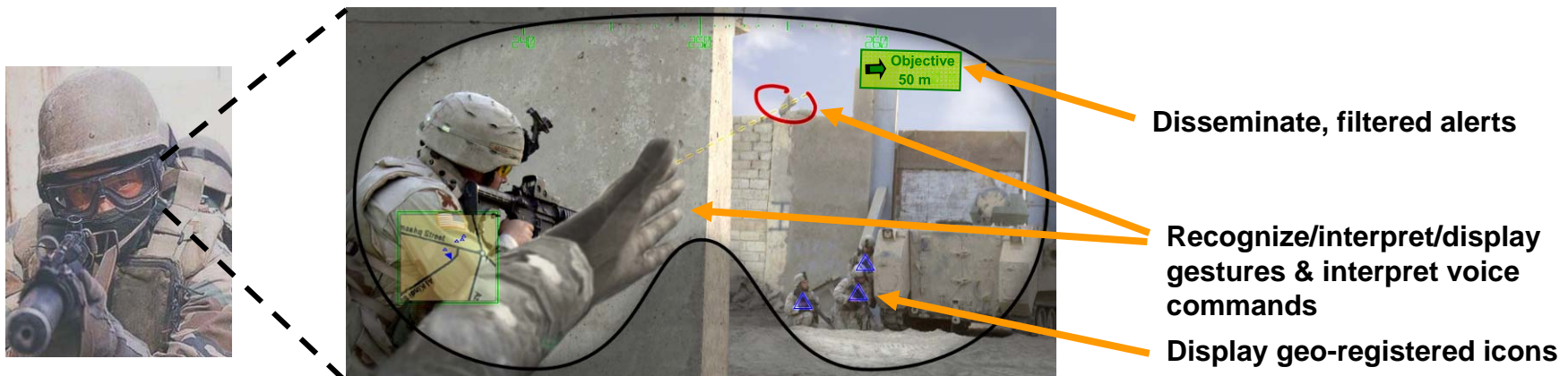


**Problem:** *Small unit coordination inadequate to conduct NLOS, Distributed Operations*

- Communicate by shouting
- Operate within earshot and LOS
- Radios hard to hear
- Stop to use handheld CDAs



**Solution:** Interpret/disseminate/display time-critical combat information  
- *while looking ahead, hands on weapon, and on the move*



**Revolutionary approach to small unit C2 and Situational Awareness at the lowest echelon for hand-off of *actionable combat information***



# **ULTRA-Vis Program Gates**



## **Phase 1: Critical Technology Demonstrations**

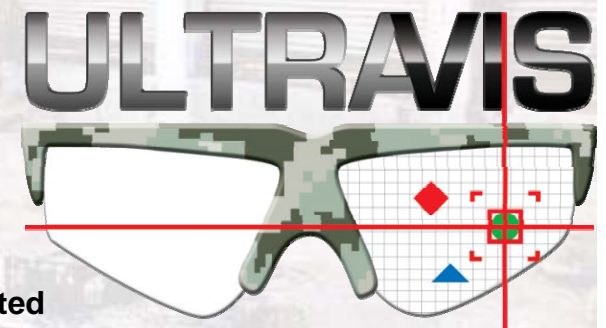
- Task a: Recognize hand and arm signals (gestures)**
- Task b: Create/display geo-registered icons from different perspectives**
- Task c: See icons in full sunlight conditions on see-through display**
- Task d: Conduct system design trade study and CONOPS development**

## **Phase 2: Multi-Modal Testbed Demonstrations**

- Task a: Display icons in 3 colors (R-G-B)**
- Task b: Integrate multi-modal testbeds for test and evaluation**
- Task c: Support system test and evaluation**

## **Phase 3: System Prototypes for Evaluation/Transition**

- Task a: Fabricate/test/demonstrate prototype units for transition**
- Task b: Support Service field evaluation**





# ULTRA-Vis Gate Metrics

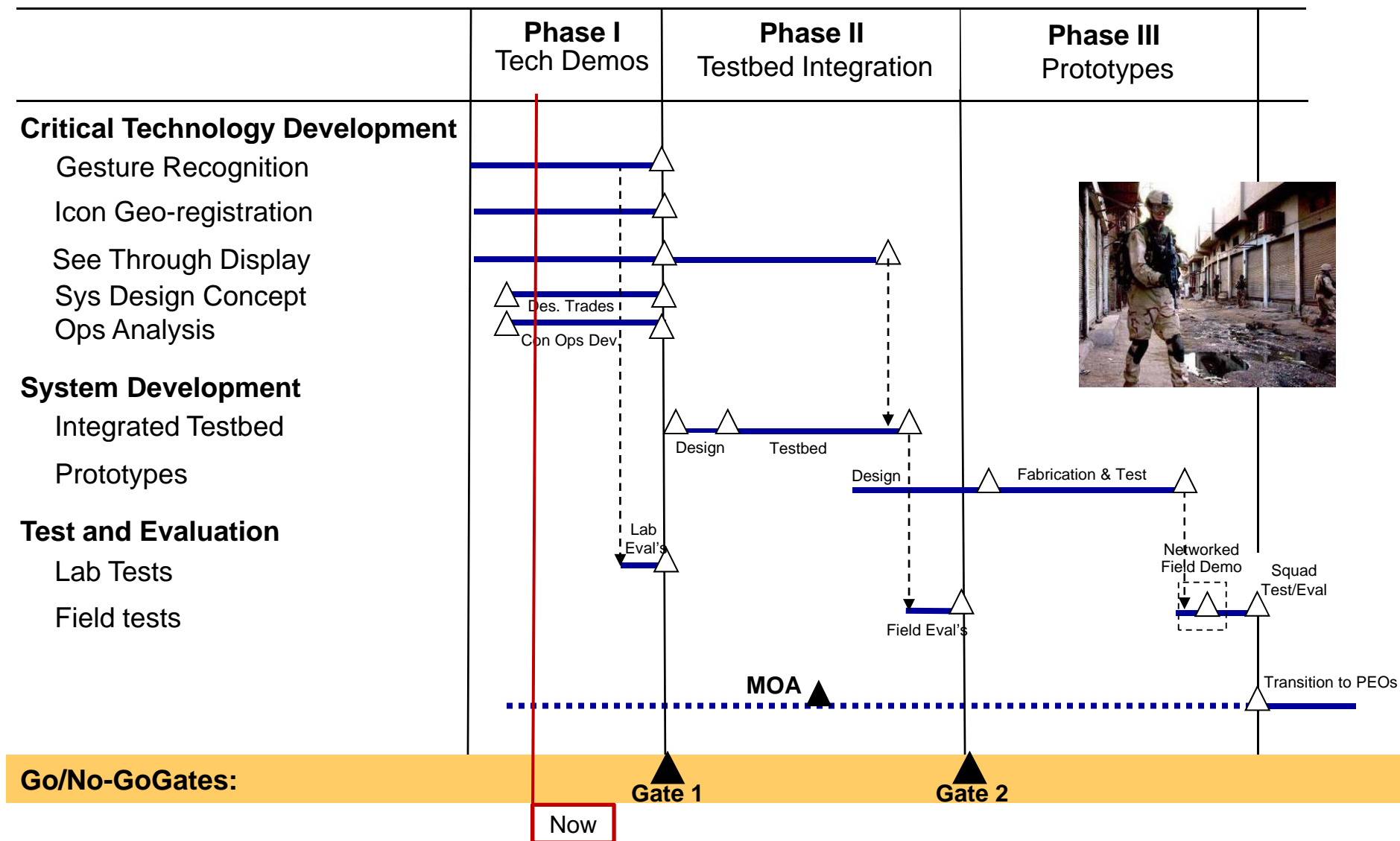


Phase	Gate Rqmt	Operational Metric	Go/No-Go Criteria
1	<b>Gesture Recognition</b>	Recognize Leader's Standard Hand & Arm Signals	> 99% probability of correct recognition of at least 10 hand & arm signals < 1% False Alarms
	<b>Geo-Registered Icons</b>	Create/display geo-registered icons from Leader's pointing action on two see-thru displays	Placement Accuracy: < 10 mrad, angular accuracy (1m @100 m) < 0.1 m, range accuracy < 0.5 mrad, jitter @ 60 Hz update
	<b>See-Thru Display</b>	See icons (monochrome) in full sunlight	≥2000 Ft-L brightness (monochrome) 40° FOV
2	<b>Integrated Multi-Modal Testbed</b>	Create/disseminate command information using two, networked, Soldier-worn Testbeds with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head-Mounted Display</li> <li>- Navigation units</li> <li>- Audio interface (mic/headset)</li> <li>- Voice/Data Radio</li> <li>- Hand/Arm gesture interface</li> <li>- Tactile Cueing device</li> </ul>	3-color (R-G-B) icons, ≥2000 Ft-L, 40° FOV > 99% probability of correct recognition (sender) and representation (receiver) of multi-modal commands (hand/arm gestures + voice) < 1% False Alarms
3	<b>Prototypes</b>	Demonstrate system functionality with fifteen (15) prototypes for Transition	System weight (including battery): < 3 lbs System power: < 6 W





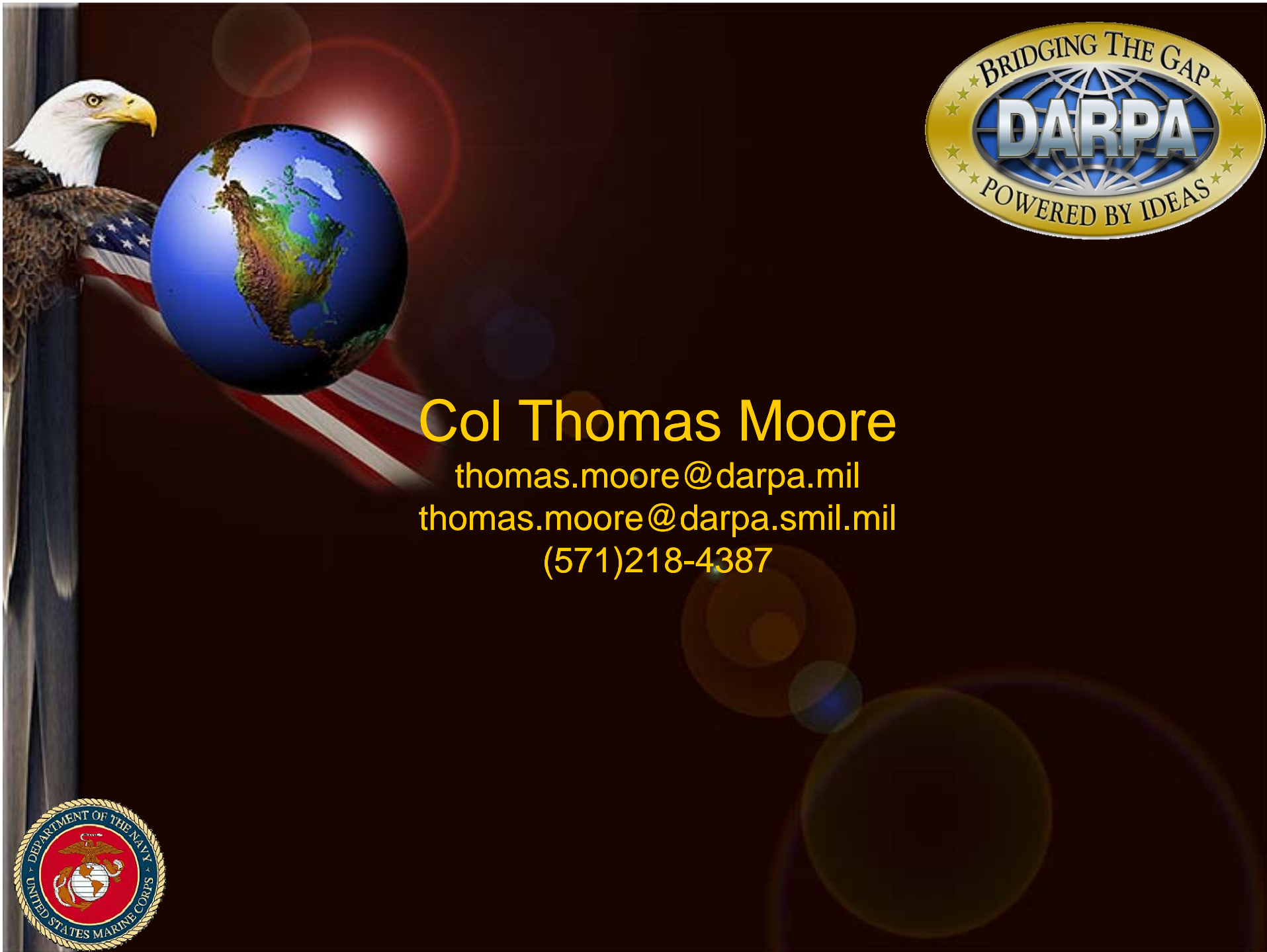
# ULTRA-Vis Program Schedule





# USMC SharePoint site

- ❖ *Info about unclas programs*
- ❖ *Collaborative site to interact with others in the USMC S&T community*
- ❖ *Calendar of upcoming events*
- ❖ *Weekly Activity Reports (WAR)*
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